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**SHELVING SYSTEM**

Title of Invention

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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

| CLAIMS FEE*             | (1) FOR   | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE      | (5) CALCULATIONS  |
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|                         | Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). See Item 13 below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".  |                  |                  |               | 40.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>Total Fees enclosed</b>  |                  |                  |               | <b>\$1,040.00</b> |

Authorization to charge credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0537. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith. (See copy of WO 2004/013022).
4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is also being transmitted herewith, together with an executed VERIFICATION of translation.
5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been transmitted. Applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.

Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): 18 November 2003.

6. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration is attached to the application.

**II. Other document(s) or information included:**

7. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.
8. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith.

Also transmitted herewith is/are Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) and copies of citations listed.

9. An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording, together with Form PTO-1595.

**10. Additional documents:**

- a. Copy of Request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. International Publication No. WO 2004/013022
  - i. Specification, claims and drawing

11. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

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Please charge, in the manner authorized above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application:

37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)

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